

## WHAT MEXICANS EAT.

## Grease Plays an Important Part in Their Rich Diet.

The farther south one goes the more important part meat seems to play in the diet. In old Mexico the people of the upper class have highly seasoned roasts and steaks and game three times every day. The roasts are stuffed with raisins, and a rich brown gravy is poured over them. Grease seems more indispensable to them than to the far-northern Eskimos. There are no broiled steaks, but in their place one is served with a half raw piece of tenderloin reeking with grease and peculiarly flavored herbs. In that balmy clime, where the system would be so much better off without any meats, thousands of steaks are sold daily at 45 and 50 cents a pound. The poorer classes are forced to abstain from such and live on the coarse frijole beans and cold clammy tortillas, which are thin white corn cakes made from rye hominy crushed to a pulp. This forms their unvaried diet. On the aristocratic tables are the most delicious fruits, chirimoyas, zapotes, mangoes and others which Americans have never tasted. The popular agave is a cross between a fruit and a nut. It is a dark green and the flesh is about the consistency of ointment. It grows on a tree of unparalleled dark green foliage and is used often in the place of butter or is made into a toothsome salad.

## KEROSENE OIL.

A few drops added to your boiled starch will make ironing easier.

Dip the fingers in the oil and rub the throat to give relief from sore throat.

Saturate a cloth in the oil and rub the rollers to clean a clothes wringer quickly.

A few drops added to the water with which windows are to be washed will save time and labor.

A few drops on a hinge or roller, which has formed a bad habit of squeaking will insure a speedy cure.

One tablespoonful added to each boilerful of water will lessen labor as well as whiten your clothes when washing.

A few drops on your dusting cloth will brighten your furniture as well as prevent dust from flying from the cloth.

Saturate a cloth with the oil to clean the sink, bathtub or basin which has become greasy and discolored from use.—Woman's Home Companion.

## Tailor Takes the Artist to Task.

A well formed, good looking man, rightly wearing such clothes as any high class tailor would make for him would compare favorably with any Greek or old, tugged in his best. But neither sculptor nor painter can make so pleasing a representation of the man in close fitting clothes as he can of the man in flowing robes, not because the clothes are unhandsome, nor because they are unbecoming to the wearer, but because the artist presumptuously thinks the tailor who made the clothes did not know his business, and does not think it worth while even to try to represent them as they are. As he generally represents them on canvas or in stone they look as little like the sartorial things of beauty they are as a pallid corpse looks like a living human being.—Sartorial Art Journal.

## New Britain Currency.

Dewarra, a currency of New Britain, is an instance of how the spoils of the chase may be turned to account as the outward and visible sign of wealth.

Dewarra is made by stringing the shells of a dog which upon the ribs of palm leaves. These strings may be retailed at so much a fathom—usually the price is equivalent to about three shillings a fathom length—or they may be made into various articles of personal adornment to be worn on great occasions. In New Britain the dewarra hoarded up by a rich man is produced at his funeral and divided among his heirs in much the same kind of way as personal property is divided among us.

## The Bite of the Snake.

In Val di Rossa, Italy, the serpent is a traditional terror, and the place is celebrated for a curious religious custom known as the bite of the snake.

On ascension day the priest solemnly immerses a harmless water snake in a huge antique basin, dug up on Monte Bruna. The mountaineers believe that by reason of this ceremony all the other snakes that infest the country will perish.—Chicago News.

## Look For the Man.

"Boss and Mabel have ceased to speak as they pass by," said the girl in the tailor made costume.

"Indeed?" exclaimed the girl in the home made gown. "What's the man's name?"—London Tit-Bits.

## Quest.

Isn't it singular how much love is displayed by men in the discharge of a dangerous duty and how much cowardice by those who run into danger in the pursuit of pleasure?—Philadelphia Inquirer.

## See the 5 and 10 cent counter.

at the Nickel Store, 514 Pearl street.

## HORSESHOE LUCK.

## A Superstition Common to Nearly All Races and Nations.

The origin of belief in "horseshoe luck" is so ancient that it never has been determined with certainty, and no superstition is more universal. Ever since horses began to wear shoes those crescents of iron have been accounted lucky emblems of all peoples, races and nations that have been acquainted with their use.

The Chinese, for instance, say they nail them up over their doors as a charm against evil spirits because of the close resemblance in shape between them and the arched body of the sacred snake, Nagendra, one of their principal deities.

Ask a Turkish Mohammedan for information on the subject and he will tell you that it is because they are in form like a crescent, the sacred emblem of Islam.

A Polish Jew will explain that at the passover the blood sprinkled upon the lintel and doorposts, in the manner directed by their ritual, forms the chief points of an arch; hence, obviously, the value of arch shaped talismans such as horseshoes are.

The stolid and unimaginative Russian peasant, on the other hand, maintains that the luck associated with the horseshoe is due chiefly to the metal, irrespective of its shape, from being traditionally a charm wherewith to nullify the malevolent designs of evil spirits and goblins.

Very different is the story by which the Irishman seeks to account for his liking for the same talismanic symbol. The name "Ironland" or "Ireland," he will tell you, originated as follows:

The whole island was once submerged in the sea, out of which it only rose once in seven years, and then only for a very short time. Many attempts had been made to break the spell and induce the country to remain permanently above the waters, but all were vain until one day a daring adventurer threw a horseshoe from a boat on to the topmost peak of the Wicklow mountains just as they were disappearing beneath the waves. Then at last was the ban removed. The Emerald Isle began forthwith to rise again from the ocean depths into which it had sunk. And it has been dry land—more or less—ever since.

In England, up to comparatively recent times horseshoes were extensively used almost everywhere as anti-witch charms, and the custom is not even yet an extinct one. No witch, it used to be said, could enter a building over the door of which a horseshoe—or, better still, three horseshoes—had been affixed, prongs downward.

The origin of this particular belief is referable to the old legend of St. Dunstan. This versatile English ecclesiastic was a skilled farrier, and one day while at work in his forge the evil one entered in disguise and requested Dunstan to shoe his "single hoof."

The saint, although he at once recognized his malign customer, acceded but cautioned him so much pain during the operation that Satan begged him to desist. This Dunstan did, but only after he had made the evil one promise that neither he nor any of the less or evil spirits, his servants, would ever molest the inmates of a house where a horseshoe was displayed.

## A Dutch Fishing Village.

At Marken, a fishing village of Holland, few men are to be seen, as they are nearly always out at sea in their boats. Those whom one does see are like Dutchmen in a play, in queer headgear, in the most voluminous knickerbockers that ever delighted the heart of a caricaturist and having on clattering wooden shoes, which are, as a coasting skipper once said, the surest preventive of colds and of "cold feet" (which he spoke of as if they were a disease) to be found in the world. Clumsy enough these Dutch fisher folk look, but they are handy in a boat. But there is agriculture, too, of a simple kind at Marken. Not a man usually is to be seen working in the hay harvest or at other employment in the fields. The women do the farm work.

## Had Tried Electricity.

A New York senator relates that he was riding in a car next to a motherly old lady, who asked him a question. He answered, but found the old lady very deaf. He repeated his answer in a shout, and conversation was thus established. "You are very deaf, aren't you, madam?" bellowed the senator. "I am so," she replied, "and haven't been able to do a thing for it."

"Have you ever tried electricity?" asked the senator.

"Yes," she said, nodding vigorously. "I was struck by lightning last summer."

## As His Wealth Grew.

Ascum—Have you seen anything of Jiggins lately?

Dr. Swellman—Yes, I just prescribed a trip to Europe for him this morning.

Ascum—Indeed? He's getting wealthy, isn't he?

Dr. Swellman—Well, I can remember when I used to prescribe for him simply a dose of sodium bromide for the same complaint.—Philadelphia Press.

## Spelled His Chance.

"Yes, she rejected him because of a bad break he made when he was proposing to her."

"What was that?"

"He told her she was 'one in a thousand.'"

"She thinks she's one of the Four Hundred."—Philadelphia Ledger.

## A Change of Dates.

Mrs. Dearborn—Were you married in June?

Mrs. Wakash—Yes, once on the 28th, once on the 29th, once on the 30th and another time on the 10th; but I've switched off to October; that's my marrying month now.—Yonkers Statesman.

## A Sea Lion of Boston.

at the Nickel Store, 514 Pearl street.

## Great Summer Clean-Up Sale at The Big Store

More phenomenal bargains Friday and Saturday. An opportunity seldom seen to buy such worthy merchandise at only a very small part of their real worth.

## Ready-to-Wear

## Ladies' Walking Skirts

In gray and black, nicely made, 3.50 values.

Clean-Up prices... 1.25

Ladies' Walking Skirts in gray, green and black, 5.00 values.

Clean-Up prices... 2.98

Ladies' Walking Skirts, all colors and black, solid and fancy mixtures, 8.50 values.

Clean-Up prices... 4.95

## Ladies' Waists

Ladies' Lawn Waists, neatly made and handsomely trimmed, regular 3.00 values.

Clean-Up prices... 1.48

Ladies' White Lawn Waists that were 2.00.

Clean-Up prices... 1.25

That were 1.00.

Clean-Up prices... 69c

## Ladies' Petticoats

Made of Fine Madras, light and dark colors, nicely made and trimmed, 1.48 values.

Clean-Up prices... 98c

## Ladies' Muslin Underwear

Skirts, Corset Covers and Drawers, made from good material, neatly made and lace trimmed, 85c and 1.00 values.

Clean-Up prices... 59c

## Ladies' Corsets

Odd lots Summer, Nursing and Bathing Corsets, 50c values.

Clean-Up prices... 19c

Odd lots American Lady and Dr. Warner's rust proof Corsets, 1.00 values.

Clean-Up prices... 48c

## New Fall Millinery

Ladies' Street Hats, in Stretched Cloth, Felt and Fur, white and colors.

at from 2.50 to 5.00

Children's Felt Sailors, white and colors, at from

75c to 2.95

Ladies and Childrens Straw Sailors, big assortment, 75c values.

Clean-Up prices... 48c

## Remnants!

Of fine White and colored Gingham, Madras, Lawns, Batistes, Dimities and other desirable materials suitable for Wrappers, Waists, Shirts, Kimonos and Children's dresses. All marked at Clean-Up prices.

## Ladies' Vests

Swag ribbed, good quality, nicely finished neck and shoulders 15c values reduced to

10c

Ladies' Mercerized Lisle thread Vests, odd lots, nicely made and finished, 35c and 50c values.

reduced to 15c

## Notions Reduced

Best English Pins, per paper...

3c

Card of White Pearl Buttons, two dozen on card for...

3c

Imported Cloth Erasers, 25c values for...

25c

Maryon's Genuine Witch Hazel, Soap, per cake...

10c

Box of Fine Note Paper and Envelopes for...

10c

Fine Tinted Envelopes, per package...

5c

Standard Speed Cotton, black and white, 2 speeds for...

10c

## MEN'S

## FINE

## SHOES

## Sole Agents

For the Great Douglas and Packard Hand-Made and Union-Made Shoes.

M. A. Packard's guaranteed Shoes, solid rock oak soles. Glazed Kangaroo, blk kid box calf pat. all sizes 5 1/2 to 11, every pair union made and hand made, price per pair 3.50 to 4.00.

Special for this sale... 2.98

495 pairs of the famous W. L. Douglas union made Shoes. The best Shoes made in the world, 20 styles, sizes 5 to 12.

Special for a few days... 3.29

300 pairs Men's 3.00 grade Shoes all styles and sizes.

Special... 2.48

300 pairs Men's 2.50 grade Shoes, all styles and sizes.

Special... 1.98

## Special

Men's Dongola Lace Shoes, sizes 6 to 11... 98c

Men's Dongola Oxford Ties, sizes 6 to 11... 98c

Men's Dongola Romeos, sizes 6 to 11... 98c

## New Fall Shoes for

## Misses and Ladies

## Latest Styles at Sale Prices

High Shoes, patent tip Vels

Cuban heel, 2 1/2 to 8... 1.98

High Shoes, blucher cut patent, tip, 2 1/2 to 8... 1.98

High Shoes, French heel, patent tip, 2 1/2 to 8... 1.98

High Shoes Gibson heel, dull top, 2 1/2 to 8... 1.98

High Shoes, patent vel, imita tion tip Cuban heel, 2 1/2 to 8... 2.48

High Shoes, extension sole, patent blucher cut 2 1/2 to 8... 2.48

High Shoes, extension soles, military heel, 2 1/2 to 8... 2.48

High Shoes, turn soles, patent kid tops, 2 1/2 to 8... 2.48

## FINAL CLEAN UP OF

## Low Shoes and

## House Slippers

Ladies Douglas Oxfords, large sizes only... 39c

Ladies one strap Sandals, stock tip, per pair... 59c

Moccas one strap Sandals, patent tip, spring heel... 69c

## Men's Clothing

Men's All-wool three piece Suits in serges, browns and fancy mixtures, all the very latest styles and noblest patterns to be found in the market worth 12.50 and 15.00.

reduced to... 8.45

Men's Blue Serge in three piece Suits good values at 15.00.

reduced to... 9.85

Men's all-wool two piece Suits in Scotch plaids, checks and stripes and pretty patterns they are too, we have not all sizes of these patterns but come early and you can get fitted, these suits were 7.50 to 12.50.

reduced to... 5.98

Men's Summer Coats in Stripes and Browns, worth up to 3.50.

reduced to... 69c

## Men's Hats

All our 3.50 Hats

reduced to... 2.98

All our 2.50 Hats

reduced to... 1.98

All our 2.00 Hats

reduced to... 1.48

See a nice line of 2.50 and 3.00 Felt Hats on the table

reduced to... 98c

Your choice of any Straw Hat in the house

for... 48c

## Boys' Wash Suits and Pants

Boys' two piece Suits were 1.50

reduced to... 98c

Boys wash Pants worth 25c to 35c reduced to... 19c

## Men's Furnishings

Men's Woven Madras Negligee Shirts 50c values

Clean-Up prices... 35c

Men's Woven Madras negligee Shirts regular 1.00 values

Clean-Up prices... 59c

Odd lot Men's Negligee Shirts samples slightly soiled, worth up to 75c

Clean-Up prices... 25c

Men's Balbriggan Underwear, shirts and drawers, choice of our 50c values for...

35c

Fine plain white and fancy colored border handkerchiefs 15c value

Clean-Up prices... 10c

3 for 25c

Men's fine silk Neckties all new styles and patterns, 25c value

Clean-Up prices... 15c

Men's fine colored half hose solid and fancy patterns, 35c values

for... 19c

25c values

for... 17 1/2c

20c values

for... 15c

15c values

for... 10c

Gilt collar buttons, none better made fully guaranteed 15c value

for... 10c

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for... 5c

## Manufacturers' Short Lengths

Manufacturer's Short Lengths standard callen blue and red grounds

nice patterns.

Clean-Up prices... 3 1/2c

## Staples and Domestic

A good quality Bleached Domestic for... 5c

Full yard wide Bleached Domestic, Genuine Lonsdale Finish.

Clean-Up price, 14 yds for... 1.00

Best quality Apron check Gingham, all colors.

Clean-Up prices... 5c

Manufacturer's short lengths, fine Dress Gingham.

Clean-Up prices... 6 1/2c

Full yard wide English Percales, splendid patterns, 12 1/2c values

Clean-Up prices, 10 yds. for... 79c

New Fall Dress Gingham, new patterns, all fast colors, 10c value

Clean-Up prices... 7 1/2c

22 inch Woven Madras, for waist, shirts, etc, handsome colors 15c value.

Clean-Up price... 9c

## Sheets and Pillow Cases

72x90 Ready to use Sheets 65c value

Clean up price... 12c

82x90 Ready to use Sheets, 75c value.

Clean up price... 59c

45x36 Ready to use Pillow Cases hemmed, 12 1/2c value...

9c

45x36 Ready to use Pillow Cases, hem stitched 15c value